

Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Registration for online workshops fills quickly

Last week the State Library announced two new online workshops for Missouri library employees, "Managing Difficult Patrons with Confidence" and "Copyright Basics for Libraries." Due to an overwhelming response, we have already reached the maximum capacity for both courses and registrations are no longer being accepted. Those who submitted complete registrations before the maximum capacity was reached will receive confirmation e-mails. All others will be notified of their placement on waiting lists.

The State Library hopes to offer additional online courses soon and will announce their availability in future issues of *Newsline Extra*.

New NEH grant opportunity

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) recently announced a new grant opportunity offered by their Division of Public Programs. "Family and Youth Programs in American History" supports collaborative humanities projects for young people that have a citywide or regional reach. Working outside of the classroom, these programs will incorporate primary documents and artifacts in a hands-on approach to teaching children and young adults how history is made. Programs might include, for example: a summer camp investigating American maritime history through literature, folklore, maps and ships' logs; a reading and discussion program involving teens as mentors for younger readers that explores important African American writers of the 20th century; a neighborhood history project pairing groups of young people from diverse parts of a city or state to create walking tours, bus tours, and exhibitions documenting local history.

Any library classified as a nonprofit organization is eligible to apply. Proposals will be accepted until September 16, 2005. More information about these grants and others is available at http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/familyyouthprograms.html.

If you have a project you think might be eligible, NEH encourages you to call a senior program officer discuss your ideas. Contact either Karen Mittelman at (202) 606-8631 or kmittelman@neh.gov or Thomas Phelps at (202) 606-8305 or tphelps@neh.gov.

Free arthritis information for Hispanic seniors

Arthritis is one of the most common diseases in the U.S., affecting millions of adults and half of all people age 65 and older. Although there is no cure for most forms of arthritis, treatment can help patients manage their symptoms and improve their overall quality of life. The choice of treatment depends on the type of arthritis, the severity of symptoms, the patient's general health, and other factors.

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) is offering a free fact sheet in Spanish about treatments for the most common forms of arthritis – osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and gout. "Consejos Sobre la Artritis" includes information about the warning signs of arthritis, treatment methods, and up-to-date addresses and telephone numbers of resources for further help. The science-based information is useful for seniors and their family members.

To order copies of "Consejos Sobre la Artritis," call the NIA Information Center at (800) 222-2225, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern time. This and other Spanish publications on healthy aging also are available on the NIA Web site at http://www.niapublications.org/.

The NIA, part of the National Institutes of Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, leads the federal effort supporting and conducting research on aging and the special needs of older people.

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